

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A manual snowplowing device comprising:  
a rigid wooden blade having a length of not less than 36 inches;  
a coupling device including:  
    a metal faceplate bolted to the wooden blade having a longest dimension not more than one-quarter the length of the blade,  
    a metal sleeve immovably welded to the face plate and having a terminal end extending angularly relative to the face plate;  
    and  
a handle including a distal section mounted within the sleeve of the coupling device;  
    wherein upon final assembly, extension of the handle relative to a vertical plane of the wooden blade defines an acute push angle.
2. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the metal faceplate defines a generally planar front face and the wooden blade defines a generally planar back face, and further wherein the two faces are flush.
3. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the handle extends from the terminal end of the metal sleeve to define the acute push angle.
4. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the faceplate is generally triangular in shape.
5. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the faceplate is generally rectangular in shape.
6. The manual snowplowing device of claim 5 wherein the faceplate has a length not more than one-sixth the length of the wooden blade.

7. The manual snowplowing device of claim 5, wherein the faceplate has a length in the range of 6-8 inches.

8. The manual snowplowing device of claim 5, wherein the snowplowing device is characterized by an absence of components contacting a back face of the wooden blade beyond a length of the face plate.

9. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the metal sleeve extends linearly from the metal faceplate.

10. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein both the faceplate and the sleeve are formed of stainless steel.

11. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the wooden blade has a height of not less than 4.5 inches.

12. The manual snowplowing device of claim 11, wherein the wooden blade has a length of approximately 48 inches and a height of approximately 5.5 inches.

13. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the wooden blade is formed of pine wood.

14. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the distal section of the handle includes a metal jacket.

15. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the distal section of the handle is mounted within the sleeve by a bolting means.

16. The manual snowplowing device of claim 1, wherein the distal section of the handle and the sleeve include a plurality of corresponding threads.

17. A method of plowing snow comprising:  
providing a manual snow plowing device including:  
rigid wooden blade having a length of not less than 36 inches,  
a coupling device comprising:  
a metal faceplate immovably bolted to the wooden blade,  
the face plate having a longest dimension not more  
than one-quarter the length of the blade,  
a metal sleeve immovably welded to the faceplate, the  
sleeve having a terminal end extending angularly  
relative to the faceplate,  
a handle including:  
a distal section mounted within the sleeve of the coupling  
device,  
wherein upon final assembly, extension of the handle  
relative to a vertical plane of the blade defines an  
acute push angle; and  
plowing a snow covered surface by imparting a push force on the handle,  
wherein a front face of the wooden blade contacts a mass of snow  
and a bottom side of the wooden blade contacts the surface to be  
cleared of snow.
18. The method of plowing snow of claim 17, wherein the method further  
comprises:  
unbolting the wooden blade from the faceplate;  
rotating the wooden blade one hundred and eighty degrees, wherein a top  
side of the blade is located where the bottom side of the blade was  
previously situated in relation to the snow covered surface;  
rebolting the wooden blade to the faceplate; and  
plowing additional snow.

19. A kit of parts for assembly into a manual snowplowing device comprising:

- a rigid wooden blade having a length of not less than 36 inches;

- a coupling device including:

- a metal faceplate having a longest dimension not more than one-quarter the length of the blade,

- a metal sleeve removably welded to the faceplate and having a terminal end extending at an angle relative to the faceplate; and

- a handle including a distal section to be mounted within the sleeve of the coupling device;

- wherein the kit is configured such that upon final assembly, extension of the handle relative to a vertical plane of the blade defines an acute push angle.

20. The kit of parts of claim 19, wherein the kit further comprises a set of directions for assembly and a plurality of fasteners to be used for assembly.